In order to speed up the efforts of populations stabilization in the country, Government has adopted the National Population Policy, 2000 in February, 2000, which provides a holistic approach to the programme. It enumerates various Strategies and Action Plan to achieve immediate, medium and long-term objectives. The Policy lists national socio-demographic goals for 2010 leading to population stabilization by 2045.

GTZ assisted health project in H.P.

2216. SHRIMATI CHANDERSH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals regarding GTZ (German Agency) assisted basic health systems projects in five districts of Himachal Pradesh arc lying pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with dates of pendency;

(c) whether Government have held negotiations with the German Agency so far;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to convey their approval early; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) A fair Note of Exchange/Agreement between the Government of India and Government of Germany (GTZ) was signed on 29.6.2000 for implementing a basic health project in 5 Districts of Himachal Pradesh with an outlay of DM 6 million. The project aims to improve access to basic medical and health services in these selected districts by strengthening the delivery of services at the primary and secondary level.

Expenditure on publicity material for Family Welfare

2217. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ministry of Health pays about rupees ten crores to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for salaries towards family welfare related publicity material;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ultimately the programmes made by Information and Broadcasting are not used;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for spending such a hopping amount; and

(d) what are the reasons for not paying money, instead of paying for salaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Funds are being released to the Media Units of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting towards salary and programme activities. Details of funds allocated during the last 3 years are:

1997-98	Rs. 700.00 Lakhs
1998-99	Rs. 1207.00 Lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 1025.00 Lakhs

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Family Welfare Units have been established in five Media Units of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for production and mass publicity of the Family Welfare related programmes. These Units are paid not only for salaries but also for production of programmes for publicity.

Private Homoeopathic Colleges

2218. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private homoeopathic colleges are not eligible for financial assistance for construction of college buildings under the Grant-in-aid scheme for strengthening of the existing under-graduate colleges of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy during Ninth Five Year Plan, as per a circular dated 23rd December, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would consider the applications submit ted earlier to the said circular, requesting for Grant-in-aid for construction of college buildings and sanction the grant?